

LVI.—Description of a new Silurid Fish of the Genus *Anoplopterus*, from Cameroon. By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

Anoplopterus longirostris.

Depth of body 9 times in total length, length of head 4 times. Head longer than broad; eyes small, in the second half of the head, two diameters apart; interocular width $\frac{2}{3}$ length of snout, which is rounded and projects a little beyond lower jaw; posterior nostril midway between eye and end of snout; maxillary barbel $\frac{2}{3}$ length of head, reaching root of pectoral; mandibular barbel $\frac{1}{2}$ length of head. Dorsal I 6, nearer end of snout than root of caudal, first ray $\frac{2}{3}$ length of head. Adipose short, as long as dorsal. Anal I 5, midway between root of ventral and root of caudal. Pectoral a little longer than ventral, $\frac{2}{3}$ length of head. Caudal forked. Caudal peduncle $1\frac{1}{2}$ as long as deep. Dark olive-brown above, mottled with black, white beneath; dorsal, pectorals, and ventrals light, with two transverse series of blackish spots; caudal whitish, with some black spots, black at the base, with a large black blotch on each lobe.

Total length 77 millim.

A single specimen from hills in the Bulu country, some 75 miles in the interior from Batanga, at an altitude of between 1500 and 2000 feet; collected by Mr. G. L. Bates.

This is the third species of the genus *Anoplopterus*, Pfeffer (*Chimarrhoglanis*, Vaillant)*. The principal distinctive characters of the three species are here given:—

A. uranoscopus, Pfeff.—Head more than 5 times in total length; maxillary barbel reaching halfway between head and dorsal fin; adipose fin longer than dorsal; caudal peduncle as deep as long.

A. platycheir, Gthr.—Head about 4 times in total length; interocular width about $\frac{2}{3}$ length of snout; maxillary barbel extending to end of head; adipose fin longer than dorsal; caudal peduncle longer than deep.

A. longirostris, Blgr.—Head 4 times in total length; interocular width $\frac{2}{3}$ length of snout; maxillary barbel extending to base of pectoral; adipose fin longer than dorsal; caudal peduncle longer than deep.

With reference to a note published in a recent number of the 'Zoologischer Anzeiger' (xxiv. p. 569), I must repeat

* Cf. Boulenger, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. (7) i. 1898, p. 254.

